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Criollo Restaurant Launches New Lunch Menu *Diverse menu builds on customer favorites*

New Orleans, LA (May 16, 2013) – In honor of its one year anniversary celebration, Criollo Restaurant, located inside Hotel Monteleone, is pleased to announce a new lunch menu based on original recipes and seasonal ingredients.

Reflecting on several dishes featured as specials during Criollo's first year of operation, customer preferences played an important role in determining what would be included on the new menu.

"We listened to our guests and developed an intuitive menu that builds on favorites, while introducing new signature dishes that are sure to please," said Chef Joe Maynard, chef de cuisine for Criollo Restaurant. "Gourmet sandwiches are a hot item on our new menu as well as original takes on culinary classics, such as the seafood "Koo-Be-Yon" playing on the traditional style of a courtbouillon."

New lunch appetizers include:

- CRISP CRAWFISH FLATBREAD: Eggplant Caviar, Shaved Pecorino, Pepato
- CREOLE TOMATO & BURRATA: Prosciutto Rossa, Spring Peas
- HEIRLOOM TOMATO GALETTE: Herb Cream, Reggiano, Petite Arugula

New lunch sandwiches include:

- GULF COAST FISH SANDWICH: Grilled Lemon Fish, Apple-Fennel Slaw, Vidalia Onion tartar, Country Semolina Bun
- NEW ORLEANS POOR BOYS: Choice of Shrimp or Oyster, Dressed w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle on French Loaf
- THE CRIOLLO BURGER: Hickory Smoked Bacon, Bayou Chicot Chutney, Creole Mustard Pickle, Tillamook Cheddar, Country Semolina Bun

New lunch entrées include:

- POMPANO GRENOBLOISE: Crisp Brunoise Potato, Caperberries, Grilled Lemon
- SOFT SHELL CRAB BELLE MEUNIERE: Wild Mushroom, Local Tomato, Shallot, Tarragon Brown Butter Sauce
- SHRIMP & DIVER SCALLOP "KOO-BE-YON" PASTA: Lemon & Ginger Fettucine, Creole Sauce
- HERB MARINATED CHICKEN PAILLARD: Citrus Dressed Arugula, Jicama, Roasted Peppers

Criollo Restaurant is located inside the historic Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal Street, and open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For more information and to make reservations, please call 504-681-4444 or visit www.criollonola.com.

Editor's Note: High resolution food photographs are available by request.

Established in 2012, Criollo Restaurant combines the traditional Creole flavors of French, Spanish, Italian, and African influences with new spices to create a Contemporary Louisiana cuisine. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and is located in the heart of the New Orleans French Quarter inside the historic Hotel Monteleone. For more information, please visit www.criollonola.com.

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